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SUBJECT: RHODESIA:CONVERSATION WITH LORD CARRINGTON

1. CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND
FOREIGN POLICY EXPERT, LORD CARRINGTON,
CAME TO SEE ME ALONE ON FEBRUARY 20 TO
DISCUSS THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN ZAMBIA,RHODESIA AND
NAMIBIA. WE TALKED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

2. THERE WAS NOTHING REMARKABLE SAID ABOUT EITHER THE
INTERNAL ZAMBIAN SITUATION OR NAMIBIA. MOST OF THE
CONVERSATION CONCERNED RHODESIA. I FOUND LORD CARRINGTON
TO BE AN ACUTE OBSERVER OF THE SITUATION. HE IS THOROUGHLY
FAMILIAR WITH THE PLAYERS AND HAS NO IDEOLOGICAL HANGUPS
ABOUT ANY OF THEM. HE EXPRESSED FRANKLY WHAT HE CONSIDERS
THE BRITISH COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT AND ANY SOLUTION WHICH
WAS FAITHFUL TO THE SIX PRINCIPLES OF NIBMAR,BUT AT THE
SAME TIME HE WAS SKEPTICAL THAT SMITH WOULD CONSENT TO
SUCH A SOLUTION BECAUSE IT WOULD REQUIRE SOME KIND OF
CONSULTATION WITH THE AFRICAN POPULATION AND HE DID
NOT BELIEVE THAT SMITH WAS PREPARED TO REQUEST A
REFERENDUM FOR AFRICANS ON THE PROPOSED SOLUTION.
EVEN IF THE ARRANGEMENT NEGOTIATED WITH THE INTERNAL
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MODERATES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE UNDER NIBMAR,LORD
CARRINGTON RECOGNIZED THAT IT COULD STILL LEAD TO
PROTRACTED CONFLICT INCLUDING RADICALIZATION OF THE
ZIMBABWE PARTIES AND THE SURROUNDING FRONTLINE COUNTRIES.

3. I HAVE NO WAY OF JUDGING LORD CARRINGTON'S INFLUENCE
OR ROLE IN DETERMINING THE POSITION WHICH THE CONSERVATIVE

PARTY TAKES ON RHODESIA. I WAS, HOWEVER, IMPRESSED BY HIS GRASP OF THE PROBLEMS OF ANY SOLUTION WHICH IS WORKED OUT. HE SEEMED TO BE AS SUPPORTIVE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AS THE FCO, IF NOT PERHAPS A LITTLE MORE SO. HE INDICATED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE WHICH THE PF AND MORE MILITANT NATIONALISTS WILL PLAY. I DID NOT GET THE IMPRESSION, THEREFORE, OF SOMEONE WHO WAS ANXIOUS TO TAKE PARTISAN ADVANTAGE OF THE LABOR PARTY ON THIS ISSUE.

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